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Assessment of Education in Rural Areas
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any study with regard to the functioning of Government/Government aided schools particularly in rural areas in respect of the performance of teachers, principals, management, facilities available, teacher student relationship and causes of dropouts and if so, the details, including Madhya Pradesh along with the outcome thereof; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise including Madhya Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) & (b): The Central Government, through National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), has developed a Shaala Siddhi, a National Programme on School Standards and Evaluation (NPSSE) which is a comprehensive instrument for school evaluation leading to school improvement irrespective of the area, whether rural or urban. It aims to enable schools to evaluate their performance in a more focused and strategic manner and facilitate them to make professional judgment for improvement.
The programme's objective is to establish and refer to an agreed set of standards and to provide clear pathways for each school for self evaluation by focusing on key performance domains and their core standards for school evaluation. The structure of the framework is simple yet flexible and lends itself to both self and external evaluation. A web portal (http://www.nuepa.org/new/School_Standards_Evaluation.aspx) which will enable all schools to engage in self-evaluation in the 7 key domains under the framework has been launched. The State-wise details of schools covered under the programme including the State of Madhya Pradesh are annexed. Further, the Central Government has launched Shagun portal to monitor various interventions of SSA. Through this portal, States and UTs will be able to share their progress on physical targets and fund utilization.
A detailed research study was commissioned in 2013 by the Central Government entitled "Survey for assessment of drop out at the elementary level in 21 States. According to the study, major factors of drop-out have been identified as lack of interest in studies, economic reasons; migration and involvement in domestic work to help the parents.
Some States have developed their own programme of school evaluation like: Gunotsava (Gujarat), Pratibha Parve (Madhya Pradesh), Sambalan (Rajasthan) and Samiksha (Odisha) etc .
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